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1. DURING INFORMAL MARCH 8 SESSION, GOT TEAM LEADER
ASULA WITHDREW HIS PROPOSED COMPROMISE FOR HANDLING THE
REFERENCE TO BILATERAL AID AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THAT OF
JULY 12, 1947, WORKED OUT AT THE FEBRUARY 27 MEETING
WITH MSA COUNSELOR GARDNER (REF A). ALTHOUGH THE GOT
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WOULD AFFIRM THAT IT CONTINUED TO REGARD THE 1947

AGREEMENT AS VALID, IT COULD NOT RPT NOT, ASULA STATED, SO STATE IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE. GARDNER EMPHASIZED THAT GOT UNWILLINGNESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE IN WRITING VALIDITY OF 1947 AGREEMENT FRANKLY CREATED SUSPICIONS AS TO TRUE TURKISH STANCE ON THIS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION IN WHICH IT BECAME CLEAR THAT ASULA HAD BEEN OVERRULED AT A HIGHER LEVEL ON HIS OFFER OF A SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, ASULA ASKED WHETHER CONFIRMATION BY FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE GOT CONTINUED TO RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF 1947 AGREEMENT WOULD SUFFICE. GARDNER REPLIED THAT A CAGLAYANGIL ASSURANCE WOULD PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT BE SUFFICIENT AND THIS MATTER WOULD CONSEQUENTLY HAVE TO BE ELEVATED.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A SECRETARY GENERAL/AMBASSADOR MEETING FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 12. IN THE EVENT THAT ELEKDAG MIGHT AGREE TO AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON RELEVANT AGREEMENTS, WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING DRAFT GOT TEXT:

BEGIN DRAFT NOTE:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY THAT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE SUPPORT WHICH REMAIN IN FORCE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: (LIST INCLUDING JULY 12, 1947 AGREEMENT ON AID TO TURKEY).

IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENTS, THE MINISTRY CONFIRMS THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY UNDERTAKING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPLY OR FINANCE THE PROCUREMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY OF DEFENSE ARTICLES, SERVICES AND MILITARY TECHNICAL TRAINING SHALL ALSO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARD CONFIDENTIAL

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS OF SALE AS MAY BE ENTERED INTO BY THE TWO PARTIES.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END DRAFT NOTE.

3. ASULA ALSO PRESENTED A COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DRAFT ARTICLE XX, PARA 3 (REF C) PRESENTED MARCH 4: BEGIN

TEXT: 3. AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT AND OF THE DEFENSE SUPPORT PROGRAM ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR OF ANY OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH ARE SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED UPON CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE XXII, PARAGRAPH 1, AND PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH, THE PARTIES SHALL CONSULT TO DEVELOP DEFENSE SUPPORT PROGRAMS AS REQUIRED FOR SUBSEQUENT PERIODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGAL PROCEDURES. IN THE EVENT SUCH CONSULTATIONS FAIL TO PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON ANY SUCH SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM OR SUCH PROGRAM CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED, UPON COMPLETION OF THE TERM OF THE THEN-CURRENT PROGRAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MAY ELECT NOT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT, IN WHICH CASE THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF ARTICLE XXII (TURKS HAVE REUNNUMBERED OUR XXIII 5 (A) AS 6) SHALL APPLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF WITHDRAWAL AND LIQUIDATION. END TEXT.

4. ASULA STATED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE U.S. DRAFT WHICH PERMITTED UP TO SIX MONTHS EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT IF SUBSEQUENT PROGRAMS ARE AGREED UPON BUT FRUSTRATED BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOT. HE SAID GOT BELIEVED ONE YEAR WAS SUFFICIENT BOTH TO AGREE UPON AND OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR A DEFENSE SUPPORT PROGRAM. A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD MIGHT, HE INDICATED, ENCOURAGE UNNECESSARY DELAY. ASULA ARGUED THAT THE REVISED TURKISH LANGUAGE "MAY ELECT NOT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY" PROVIDED ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY. ASULA ALSO STATED THAT GOT WISHED MAKE EXPLICIT IN THIS ARTICLE THAT THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUS. GARDNER REMINDED ASULA THAT DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS MATTER WHICH MUST BE SETTLED AT HIGHER LEVEL.
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5. COMMENT: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON REVISED TURKISH PARAGRAPH 3 REQUESTED.
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